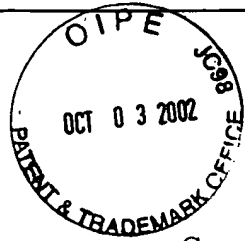


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Filed: April 15, 1998
Title: *Novel Protein and Method for Producing the Protein*
Applicants: Kyoji YAMAGUCHI *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16991.011

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Information Disclosure Statement;
2. a PTO-1449 Form (1 sheet) with accompanying reference; and
3. a return postcard.

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Applicants request that the \$180.00 Information Disclosure Statement fee be charged to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16991.011.

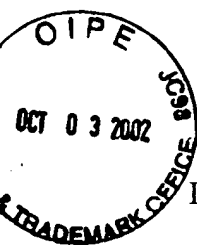
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Respectfully submitted,

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The attention of the Examiner is invited to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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